(c) whether Chess is a recognised game, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have refused travel assistance to Indian Chess Team for participating in international tournament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 210 crores has been allocated for sports in the 8th Five Year Plan. This amount is meant for the implementation of the schemes of Department of Youth Affairs and Sports and Sports Authority of India including the 15 priorities disciplines identified for 1994 Asian Games.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) During 1992-93, the Department had cleared seven proposals of Chess Federation at 'Government cost' for participating in International Tournaments abroad at the cost of Rs. 10.50 lakhs. It is not possible for the Government to approve each and every proposal of the Chess Federation at Government cost for participating in the international tournaments.

NBT without a head

588. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Book Trust is still working without any head; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The National Book Trust has a full-time Director. The Honorary Chairman of the Trust, Prof. U. R. Ananthamurthy, who resigned in the context of his election to the post of President of Sahitya Akademi is continuing till the appointment of a successor.

Upgradation of Navyug Schools

589. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any requests for upgradation of Navyug schools and to improve their functioning;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether any decision has since been taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) NDMC has informed that they have received request for upgradation of Navyug schools from the Navyug Schools Parents' Association, New Delhi. Due to paucity of space and other constraints, NDMC has decided not to upgrade Navyug schools this year. But the students passing out of class VIII from the existing middle schools will be accommodated in the Navyug Schools at Sarojini Nagar and Peshwa Road.

590. [*Transferred to 13th May, 1993*]

Female Literacy

591. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state what specific policy and measures have been taken since April, 1992 for spreading of female literacy and improving the status of women in 33 districts of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh selected

for special strategy under the revamped action plan for Family Welfare Programme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): The Total Literacy Campaigns constitute a dominant strategy under the National Literacy Mission. Priority is being given to those districts in Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh which have been identified under the revamped action plan for Family Welfare Programme. However, the launching of a campaign in these districts would depend on the state of preparedness like planning, creation of an environment conducive to literacy, identification and motivation of core team etc. So far, Total Literacy Campaigns have been approved in the following number of districts in these states:

Name of State	No. of districts
Bihar	7
Madhya Pradesh	12
Rajasthan	5
Uttar Pradesh	11

C.G.H.S. facilities to Government teachers in Delhi

592. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend the facilities of CGHS to Government Schools Teachers in Delhi instead of providing them a meagre amount of Rs 15/- only as Medical Allowance;

(b) if not, the detailed reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to reintroduce the facility of Medical Leave for Delhi School Teachers;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government further propose to allow the facilities of such Medical attendants to the Government Teachers in Delhi, who practice Ayurvedic, Unani, Tibetan or homoeopathic system of Medicine; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Teachers in Government schools of Delhi are entitled to a monthly medical allowance of Rs. 15/-, in addition to the re-imbuarsement of medical expenses incurred by them on their own treatment or on treatment of their family members for specific chronic diseases.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The teachers are vacational staff and in addition to vacation during the year, they are also entitled to 10 days earned leave.

(e) and (f) The Government teachers receive the medical attendant facilities at par with the other employees of Delhi Administration, i.e. the Administration has designated certain Medical Officers of hospitals and dispensaries run by Delhi Administration and local bodies and prescriptions recommended by them are reimbursable.

Vacancies in IIT, Delhi

593. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be please to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of vacancies in Group 'D' post have been lying vacant in Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi since long;

(b) if so, the details thereof;